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6th November 1878, No. 2002.

Stores, &c.

Read the following :—

No. 31. *Extract of a letter from S. LEE, Esq., Proprietor of the Woollen Factory at Bangalore, to the Acting Chief Secretary to Government, dated Bangalore, 25th October 1878.*

As I believe it is the object of Government to encourage local industries, and to supply Government Departments with articles of local manufacture in preference to Europe-made goods, I beg respectfully to address you on the following subject, in the hope that Government may be pleased to give me such encouragement as will enable me fully to develop woollen manufactures of country material.

I have established a Woollen Factory at this station and have, during the past eighteen months, sought almost in vain to obtain Government patronage. The failure has been owing—

- (a.) To the officers who called the tenders having asked for Europe goods, when country manufactures suitable for the purpose were available. As for instance, the Medical Department wanted "Europe blankets" for Native Hospitals, and advertisements have appeared for English flannel to be used for fomenting and bandaging horses.
- (b.) To the items in each contract being so various (as to make it impossible for other than middle-men to tender) and to the practice, not to accept a tender unless it applied to the whole list of articles as advertised.
- (c.) To the conditions laid down having been drawn up in view of the articles being either imported in bulk or purchased wholesale, and therefore not suited to a manufactory which turns out a limited amount of work monthly. As an example in point, the Inspector-General of Police wants 12,525 yards of blue cloth on the 1st September 1879. This article, nearly equal to English manufacture, but much more durable, and cheaper can be supplied by me, if monthly delivery can be accepted.

Of woollen goods ordinarily required for Governmental purposes, the following are manufactured by me :—

Baize (Green).
Blankets (Horses).
" (Grey).
" (Red).
" (Soldiers').
" (White).
Blue Cloth (Cavalry).
" (Dark).
Cumblies (all descriptions).
Carpets (Bangalore).

Carpets (Raised pile).
Flannels.
Felt (for Numdahs).
Suttringees (Cotton).
" (Woollen).
Tapes (Cotton).
" (Woollen).
Woollen cloths.
Webbing (Horse body Rollers).

I shall feel very thankful to be permitted to submit samples of my goods to Government.

No. 32.

ORDER THEREON, 6th November 1878, No. 2002.

It being the desire of the Secretary of State and the Government of India that local markets should be used to the utmost before indenting on England for stores, regard being had to serviceable quality as well as to relative cost, the Government direct that an extract from Mr. Lee's letter be communicated to the Military Department, the Inspectors-General of Police and Jails, the District Magistrates, and all Heads of Departments for information.

(True Extract.)



Acting Chief Secretary.

To the Military Department.
 „ the Revenue Department.
 „ the Public Works Department.
 „ the Inspector-General of Police.
 „ „ „ of Jails.
 „ all District Magistrates.
 „ all Heads of Departments.
 „ S. Lee, Esq.

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